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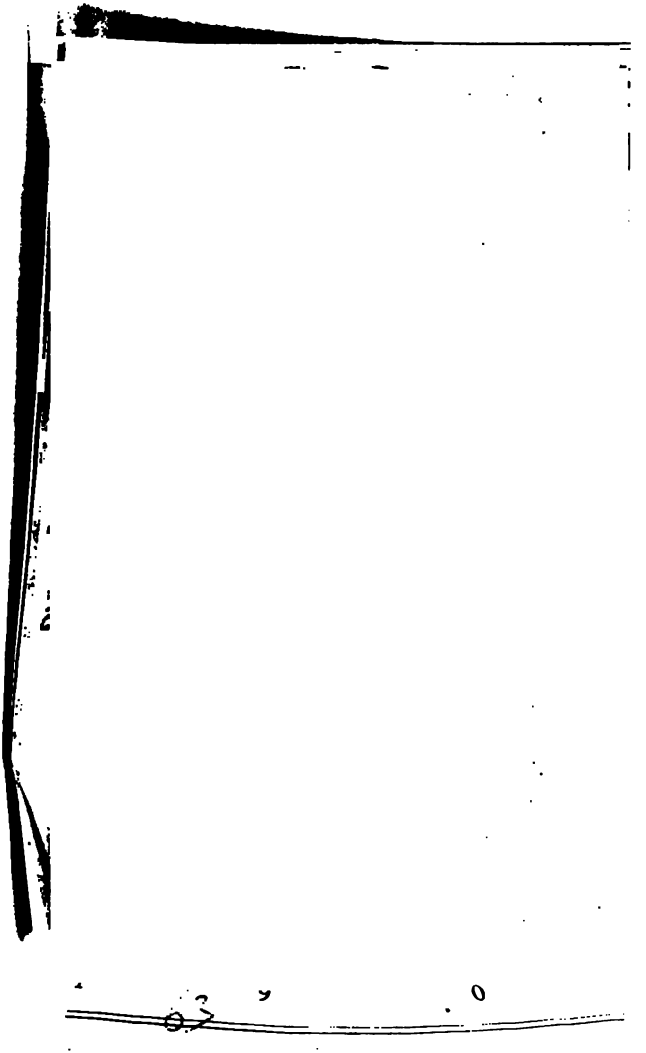

# THE PERIOD OF GOD'S WORK ON THIS PLANET

OR

HOW SCIENCE AGREES WITH THE REVELATIONS OF OUR BELOVED R E D E E M E R

# A KEY TO THIS EARTH

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## PREFACE

As a preface to this little book I desire to present a short sketch of myself, a brief outline of my life, of my life's labors and of my life's thoughts as to this material world and Him who was and is the great Creator of this beautiful earth as well as of all other great planets by which this Mother Earth is surrounded.

I am descended from the line of Sir Walter Dalton, who married the daughter of Louis VII, King of France, and who passed over into Ireland with Henry the Second on the invasion of Ireland, where he acquired large possessions some 60 miles from Dublin, in Westmeath County, settling on Mont Dalton, which is in the barony of Mont Conrath. From this noble sire sprang all the Daltons of Ireland. This Sir Walter Dalton whom I have named was of Norman extraction.

I was born in the town of Madrid, St. Lawrence Co., State of New York, in the year of our *Lord 1830.* I was born of goodly parents whose *pursuits in life* were farming and stock raising

My father's religious profession was that of a Catholic, and of necessity I was compelled to follow the discipline and training of my parents. I was therefore baptized or christened without my consent or choice, but as I became a man I, out of choice, became a student of the Latter-day Saints and the Gospel truths they advanced.

In the year 1850, I was baptized in the waters of the Weber river near the point where the present great railroad station in Ogden City is now located. I had the honor to build one of the two first houses that were erected on the lots first surveyed on that at present historic spot.

From my youth I was of a philosophic strain of thought. I followed the same pursuits as those of my father, but my mind was always given to a mechanical trend of thought, and when about seventeen years of age my father put me to learn the carpenter trade in which I became quite proficient. During all my early life I was given to the study of the sacred history of the Bible and its 66 books written by prophets who were authorized to reveal the great secrets of God which had been made known to them by our blessed Redeemer. I love to contemplate the history of this lovely old mother earth, and as my mind is as full of life's and of youth's vigor as a man of thirty years, and my bodily strength as *that of a man* of fifty years, I feel to write not as

a man whose experience is only thirty years, but as a man of seventy-five year's experience.

Since I came to Utah I followed the pursuits of the carpenter trade, but found that too confining, so I concluded to follow the same pursuits as those of my dear old father Adam, and I have, as I believe, acquired a practical knowledge of the agricultural and horticultural sciences as the world calls them.

Now, dear reader: As you may follow me in this short history of God's wondrous works, I hope you will not expect too much of me in this my effort in presenting my thoughts, and in writing up this great problem which the scientific world has studied so long. I began my study in history, then in geography, then in astronomy, then in the construction of a planetarium, to show, if possible, and more clearly, the true workings of the science of astronomy, and to show the great movements of the waters of the mighty ocean, and to show the great philosophy of the earth being a triple sphere, the two outer spheres being spoken of as the earth's wings on which it rolls around on its poles in its diurnal and annual motion around the sun, for "the earth rolls upon her wings, and the sun giveth his light by day and the moon giveth her light by night, and the stars also giveth their light as they roll upon their wings in glory in the midst of the power of God."—Doc. and Cov., 88:45.

This book is written for the purpose of furnishing the world with a key to this earth, to harmonize the Scriptures with scientific knowledge, to advance the cause of God and to glorify His name.

While reading some of the statements in the Scriptures my mind has for years been led to ponder upon their explanations, and how, in the present knowledge of the scientific world, they could be explained to the satisfaction of the thinker and the student. Through the blessings of God my mind has been opened to a great extent, and I have obtained what to me is satisfactory proofs of their correctness, and of the truth of the theory I shall advance in the following pages. It is true it will revolutionize our present ideas of the earth and present something which, it is evident, will be entirely new to the scientific world. But if it be truth, that is what the student is continually seeking, and, as all truth, it must be found in the Lord's workshop. It is a problem that may not be accepted at first, but which will appear clearer and clearer as the Word of God is read with understanding and a desire to know the truth. The book will call attention to the passages of Scripture which can *be explained* on no other theory than the one set *forth herein*, the key to which is found in the *diagram* appearing as a frontispiece.

## SCRIPTURE PASSAGES AND SCIENCE.

In order to carry out the purpose of this book it becomes necessary first to name some of the passages occurring in the Scriptures, and to call attention to some of the events named therein to obtain a better comprehension of the theory here advanced. In the account of the Creation, found in Genesis, we learn that "the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." Genesis, 1:2. Later, "God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear; and it was so." Genesis, 1:9, and, in the next verse, "the gathering together of the waters called He seas."

In the account of the flood we learn that on a certain day "were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened." Genesis, 7:11. That because of this breaking up of the fountains of the great deep, and the opening of the windows of heaven *a flood occurred* which covered the whole earth *to the extent* that everything living was swe

from its face, except, of course, those in the ark, the waters prevailing over the earth "fifteen cubits upward." Verse 20. The flood continued to grow in power and volume "forty days and forty nights." Verse 12. And then for 110 days additional, or 150 in all (Verse 24) prevailed over the earth until "God made a wind to pass over the earth and the waters assuaged; the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped and the rain from heaven was restrained and the waters returned from off the earth continually; and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated." Genesis, 8: 1-3.

We also learn from the Scriptures that the Ten Lost Tribes are in the north country, but all efforts to find any trace of them have so far been in vain. I fully believe, however, that the spirit of the Lord is working on the minds of His children, continually urging them onward in their explorations, ostensibly for the purpose of discovering the North Pole, but in reality, though they are entirely unaware of it, for the discovery of this people in the Lord's own due time, a people of whom we have lost all knowledge.

These quotations have naturally caused queries in the mind of the student in the workshop of our Heavenly Father, some of which may be summarized as follows:

At the time of the creation the earth was covered with water, but, when the Lord commanded, they were all gathered in one place. Where did they go? Is there any one place on the earth where they could have been gathered?

When the flood came where did those waters come from?

What is meant by the statement that the fountains of the great deep were broken up?

When the Lord caused a great wind to pass over the earth so that the waters were "assauged," where did the waters go to?

We learn that about 200 years after the flood, in the days of Peleg, the earth was divided. Genesis, 10:25. From recent revelations as given to the Latter-day Saints we learn that some time in the future the Lamb of God shall "Command the great deep and it shall be driven back into the north countries and the islands shall become one land." Doc. and Cov., 133:23; also, in the previous verse, that he "shall break down the mountains and the valleys shall not be found," and, in the 24th verse, that "the land of Jerusalem and the land of Zion shall be turned back into their own place, and the earth shall be like as it was in the days before it was divided." To all of which may be added Isaiah's prophecy that "every valley shall be exhlted, and every *mountain and hill* shall be made low." Is. 40:4.

When the waters of the great deep are driven back into the north countries by the command of the Lamb of God, where will the waters go?

When every valley shall be exalted and every mountain shall be broken down and the whole be made as a plain, where will there then be room for the waters?

When the land shall again be united as it was before its division and the waters shall again be gathered into one place, what part of the earth shall then be able to hold the waters which now cover three-fourths of its surface?

The Ten Tribes are supposed to be in the north. How is this possible when the explorers, by their discoveries and progress toward the pole have limited the unexplored parts around the North Pole to a space something like 400 miles across?

When the Ten Tribes come from the North countries at the time their return shall be permitted, where shall have been their residence during the past centuries and why have we no sign betraying their presence on this globe?

These are the questions which the more they are studied the more incomprehensible do they become in the light of our present knowledge. The scientist, proud in the limited knowledge which he possesses, unable to harmonize them with his theories of the world, has dismissed the

queries with contempt, declaring that there is no clear, comprehensive thought embodied in these Scripture quotations, but that they represent simply a jumble of words, the result of ignorance and superstition on the part of those who claim to have been inspired in their writings. Thus has the ignorance of a world, calling itself wise, dismissed as foolish those things which, had they been understood, would have strengthened instead of lessened the faith of the world in the holy Scriptures. It is now my purpose to show that these statements are not meaningless and disjointed sentences, but that they represent truths presented by the inspired writers, not from a scientific standpoint, but as mere statements of facts at that time plain to them.

## THE DIAGRAM

As stated in the preface, the diagram which appears at the front of this book is the key to the whole mystery. Now, how was the diagram obtained? The Prophet Joseph Smith drew the original drawing a short time before his death, or in 1842, in the presence of several witnesses. Philo Dibble, of Springville, Utah, was one of these witnesses, and secured the drawing. In the month of May, of the year 1884, he made

copy thereof for me, the diagram herein shown being the result, with the possible exception that the spheres marked B and C were perhaps somewhat smaller than shown herein. At the time the original drawing was made the brethren were discussing the disappearance of the Ten Tribes and wondering where they were, upon which the Prophet made the drawing and stated that the Ten Tribes were located on the sphere marked B.

Some may, and even do doubt, the truth of the diagram of the spheres A and B and C, and even the statement as to how the diagram was obtained. Yet it is nevertheless true. It was drawn in the presence of William and Sarah Beecher and myself in the year 1884 by Philo Dibble, above shown as a resident of Springville, Utah County, Utah. His son, Sidney Dibble, who is now alive and a resident of Springville, went before a notary public and on oath testified that this diagram of A, B and C, was a true facsimile of a drawing made by his father. His affidavit will appear at the close of this book.

## THE EARTH—THREE SPHERES.

In conformity with this diagram, therefore, the theory is now advanced that this earth is not one sphere as heretofore held, but it is composed of three spheres as therein shown. The moment this theory is adopted as the truth it does away with all the ambiguity of the Scripture passages referred to and at once makes them and similar passages clear to the mind of the student.

## THE WATERS AT THE CREATION.

Now, let us take up the statement in Genesis already mentioned, viz: that God gathered the waters together into one place. Where was this place? It was on the northern sphere, marked B on the diagram, and connected with this sphere, A, which we call the earth, by a neck of land extending from the vicinity of the North Pole to *what might* be called the vicinity of the south *pole of the* north sphere B. It may be objected

that when the waters were drawn off at the dawn of creation into one place it would mean that gradually the waters sank or evaporated until they occupied only the deeper hollows of the the earth's surface and formed the oceans, for God, after they had been gathered, called them seas. But this cannot be, for if the earth was entirely covered with water the evaporation could not have been so great as to gather up and hold such an immense body of water as would leave only the lower valleys of the earth's surface covered with water. It is evident that such a vast body of water would have to be drawn off by some natural process across the neck of land and on to the northern sphere which seems to have been the receptacle for all these waters at various times during the history of the earth.

## THE WATERS AT THE FLOOD.

When reading the accouut of the flood we seem to have always received the impression that all the pent up waters held in abeyance from the time of the creation descended in the shape of *rain upon the* earth, but we have evidently only *noted a part of* the account. The sacred historian *declares that* "all the fountains of the great deep

were broken up and the windows of heaven were opened," indicating that while the rains descended upon the earth for forty days and forty nights the waters from the north also poured relentlessly down over the earth from the northern sphere, until the whole of the central sphere, A, was covered and all life found its death in the flood thus created.

Science has sought to explain this flood but has failed to do so satisfactorily, but cannot deny that such a catastrophe occurred in view of the result of their researches and the facts that legends of it are found among all nations of the earth, even the most uncivilized.

## SECOND WITHDRAWAL OF THE WATERS.

Again, when the flood had served its purpose the waters were again drawn back unto their former place, not quickly but gradually. The sacred historian says that a wind sent by God did this work, gradually driving back the waters northward whence they had come, he using these words: "And the waters returned from off the earth *continually;*" this withdrawal continued *until gradually* the mountain peaks again began *to appear, then* the lower levels of the land and

finally they were all withdrawn except in the smaller depressions in the land which continued in large pools which we call lakes. These waters thus being driven northward were forced by the wind across the neck of land at the north and on to the northern sphere B.

## THE GLACIAL PERIOD.

During the time of the flood certain changes had occurred which began the glacial period and by which the waters, as they were being withdrawn, commenced to freeze and to erect the insurmountable barriers of ice which have ever since then prevented the advance of man. The waters had been teeming with life created at the time of the commencement of this earth and the land itself was fruitful and filled with animals of all kinds. The flood of course destroyed all the life upon the earth except the animals which made the waters their home, and many of the carcasses were naturally carried along with the waters to the northward where the physical changes wrought during the flood had inaugurated the glacial period. There they were frozen and preserved in the ice with the result that now and then the remains of these animals, many of them extinct, are being found among the ice floes of *the frozen north.*

Ever since this period the ice barriers have been doing their work. They have formed large glaciers and have been moving southward, grinding out channels and passages and changing the contour of the land. This fact is well known to science, and I quote here a part of an article written on this subject and forming part of "An Introduction to Physical Geography," edited by A. F. Nightingale, Ph.D., L L.D., pages 132-135.

131—"EVIDENCES OF A CONTINENTAL GLACIER IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.—The land waste and the land surfaces of the northern United States often resemble those found in a region of present glaciers. This is so widely true as to show that great glaciers once covered the face of the country. We are now to study some of the proofs of these earlier glaciers.

132—"THE DRIFT.—If we examine a field in Maine or New York, or northern Indiana, or Iowa, we shall find the stones, the soils and the subsoils often consisting of different material from the under-lying bed-rock. Pebbles and cobble-stones, small boulders and great ones, even to hundreds of tons in weight, are scattered over the surface or buried in the finer waste. Bed-rock, like these loose stones may be found ten, twenty, fifty, or even some hundreds of miles away. In a given place all the boulders have

come in about the same direction from the parent ledges. In New York the direction is south or southwest, and in Iowa south. These are 'erratic' or strayed boulders, once moved by a glacier, as the Malaspina Glacier is now carrying stones from Mount St. Elias to the sea border. Many of the stones, however, are like the rocks below, and these have been carried only a short distance.

"It was formerly thought that these stones were brought over the land by a great flood. But no explanation could be given of the origin of such a flood, and the fact was quite overlooked that the boulders commonly lie in finer, clayey waste, in which coarse and fine are mixed without order. If the mass had been deposited by water, it would have been sorted into coarser and finer layers, as is always the case with such deposits. Such a formation of clay and stones packed in without sorting or order, known as Till or Border Clay, is one of the best proofs that the region where it is found has been covered by a glacier. The ice moves slowly and heavily over the country plows and grinds the bed-rocks, and mixes rock waste of various sizes and from various sources.

"There is another element in the Drift. A glacier is always melting; and the water that *pours from top* to bottom of the ice, or flows un-

der the ice and out from its front, carries clay, sand and pebbles, which are laid down in beds or strata. Thus we have the stratified, or, as it is often called, the 'washed' drift.

133—"GLACIAL SCRATCHES—Many of the boulders and pebbles of the Till are found to be Glaciated, or marked with parallel scratches. Often they look as if engraved with a sharp needle. Sometimes the scratches are deep and rough. A marked polish is seen on some stones. If we dig through the subsoil to the bed-rock, we shall often find the latter scratched in the same way, or even deeply grooved or carved into flutings and mouldings. The glacier shod with stones at its base, drags these over the bed-rock, and thus both the moving fragments and the floor over which they move are polished and graven.

' The direction of the scratches corresponds to that in which the erratic boulders have been moved, and so, putting these and other facts together, we have full proof that glaciers have done the work."

The above quotation shows that the glaciers come from the north countries where the ice is continually forming, because there is where the waters are located and have been since the flood. The present waters, that is, the oceans, seas and lakes, that are on this earth's surface and now *cover about* three-fourths of its surface

came back on this central sphere A from the north, during the days of Peleg, some two hundeed years after Noah's flood, the disturbances of the earth at the time of the division of the land being such as to cause that much of the water to return.

The flood occurred about 1656 of the earth's history, or after the creation of Adam, and, as before stated, this was the commencement of the glacial period. There, in what are now known as the Arctic regions, are in the neighborhood of two million square miles of surface, more or less covered with water, some of it at an enormous depth, from which the glaciers began and continued to travel southward.

## THE WATERS AGAIN TO BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN.

John the Revelator saw into the future and prophesied:

"And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying. It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earth*quake, such* as was not since men were upon

the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away and the mountains were not found." Revelations 16: 17-20.

Now, when the mountains are leveled down as herein foreshadowed, what will become even of that portion of the great waters which has been left since the days of Peleg in the shape of our oceans and seas? The entire earth being made even, into a plain, with only the ordinary depressions or undulations in the surface, there will be no part of it that can hold these waters. If when the earth is made as a plain these waters should remain on this central sphere it is evident that this central sphere would be again covered by the waters, even the waters of our oceans and seas, though doubtless not so deep as in the days of the flood when the waters rose fifteen cubits upwards over the highest mountains on the earth. It is therefore evident that there must be some place to which these waters are to be forced, for if they are to be driven northward and yet remain on this central sphere the waters would rise as a mighty wall around the North pole. This may readily be seen by looking at

figure 2 on the diagram. If the entire surface of the earth is covered with a coating of water as the portion at "b" shows and it is to be moved off or peeled back, as it were, from the surface northward it will not be moved or raised up as shown at "b", but it will be sent back on to the surface of the sphere B, known now as the north countries spoken of before. If it were not moved back on to B but left in the north part of this sphere A, it would have to be raised vertically with the axis of the earth as shown at "b", making it stand out from the earth about six and a quarter thousand miles high and about a mile thick; if raised from the south pole instead of from the equator it would stand out about twelve and a half thousand miles high. Now, this being inconceivable, where will these waters go unless they are sent over on to the sphere B. I say these waters will be sent over on to the sphere B, the northern sphere of this earth.

As these waters are drawn off at the time set by the Lord when he shall command the waters to retire into the north it will give over to the inhabitants of this sphere A all the land now covered with the waters, adding at least three times the amount of land now in use. When we take into consideration the further fact that a comparatively small portion of the one-fourth of the earth's surface now appearing as dry land is uti-

lized by man because of being occupied by mountain chains that are yet to be lowered, and deserts that are yet to be made fruitful, we can readily see how little of the surface of this central sphere is really made available to man and how many times the present tillable soil will be increased by the removal of the waters and the leveling of the mountains and the raising of the valleys as foretold by the prophets and which will as surely take place as other prophesies uttered by the same prophets have already been fulfilled. When all these things shall take place the former conditions will then return, the effects of the fall shall be removed, and the earth shall again yield of its strength with scarcely any toil. We may thus readily form some conception of the condition of this central sphere and of the teeming millions that shall then find room and habitation and happiness there.

The time is coming when all this land and earth, where the waters now lie, shall be thickly populated and filled with beautiful and magnificent nations and cities, and the earth be clothed in its former peerless beauty and glory. Yes, the home of the students of the high school of Jesus and His assistant teachers, the prophets, shall enjoy their labors for all time and eternity, or unto the *final* and last change of this earth.

*One might* ask: Of what use has been o

will be the sphere C? The great Prophet Joseph Smith did not reveal the direct use or purpose of the sphere C, in its relation to this sphere A, but he assured us that it had an important part to play in its relationship to the other two spheres, A and B.

## WHERE ARE THE TEN TRIBES?

Now to consider the question of the residence of the Ten Tribes:

In the reign of Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, the children of Israel, who had heretofore been governed by one king, became divided into two kingdoms. The House of Israel, containing all the tribes except Judah and one-half of the Tribe of Benjamin, chose Jeroboam for their king, while the house of Judah, containing the tribe of that name and the other half of the tribe of Benjamin, remained with Rehoboam. This division occurred about 975 B. C., and the House of Israel continued to reside in their own land commonly known as a whole as Samaria. About 250 years later, or in the year 721 B. C., the Assyrian King Shalmaneser came against the *House of Israel,* in the ninth year of the reign of *their king Hoshea,* and carried them captive into

Assyria. The people were broken hearted at the enforced exile from the land of their fathers and their captivity to a heathen king. According to Esdras, some time after their captivity, they departed out of Assyria and traveled about a year and a half into the north countries where they were lost sight of and where they have been hidden away from that time until now. No doubt, through some special law operating in their behalf, the ice barriers in the north were broken down or an opening made by which they were enabled to pass across the narrow neck of land and on to sphere B, for there is no land between A and B upon which they could now be living, for by this time they must be a great nation, occupying a country much larger in extent than the 2500 square miles of Europe, and many millions more in number than the 250 millions of Europe, as they have been gone for some 2500 or 2600 years.

The Prophet Joseph Smith declared that the Ten Tribes resided on this northern sphere B, and that when they were led back from there by the mighty prophets mentioned in the revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants, they would encounter on their journey three mighty barriers, viz.: The rocks, the ice, and the mighty deep. *These barriers* can never be overcome except by *a people led* by mighty prophets of God.

me here quote the prophesies of their return, and I ask you, dear reader, to read with care and attention.

"For, behold, the Lord God hath sent forth the angel, crying through the midst of heaven, saying, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, and make His paths straight, for the hour of His coming is nigh.

"When the Lamb shall stand upon Mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written on their foreheads;

"Wherefore, prepare ye for the coming of the Bridegroom; go ye, go ye out to meet him,

"For behold, he shall stand upon the Mount of Olivet, and upon the mighty ocean, even the great deep, and upon the islands of the sea, and upon the land of Zion;

"And he shall utter his voice out of Zion, and he shall speak from Jerusalem, and his voice shall be heard among all people.

"And it shall be a voice as of the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder, which shall break down the mountains, and the valleys shall not be found:

"He shall command the great deep, and it shall be driven back into the north countries, and *the islands* shall become one land,

"*And the land* of Jerusalem and the land of Zion *shall be* turned back into their own place, and

the earth shall be like as it was in the days before it was divided.

"And the Lord, even the Savior, shall stand in the midst of the people, and shall reign over all flesh.

"And they who are in the north countries shall come in remembrance before the Lord, and their prophets shall hear his voice, and shall no longer stay themselves, and they shall smite the rocks and the ice shall flow down at their presence.

"And an highway shall be cast up in the midst of the great deep.

"Their enemies shall become a prey unto them,

"And in the barren deserts there shall come forth pools of living water: and the parched ground shall no longer be a thirsty land.

"And they shall bring forth their rich treasures unto the children of Ephriam my servants.

"And the boundaries of the everlasting hills shall tremble at their presence.

"And there shall they fall down and be crowned with glory, even in Zion, by the hands of the servants of the Lord, even the children of Ephraim;

"And they shall be filled with songs of everlasting joy." Doctrine and Covenants 133: *17-33.*

Then when this time comes, all Israel will be gathered to their home and promised lands.

Now, we all know that the three barriers spoken of are located in the arctic regions, so I say this is a very strong point to indicate that the earth is a triple sphere as shown in the drawing; that the water was located there from the beginning and that it will be sent back there; also, that the lost Ten Tribes of Israel are at present on that sphere or body of land marked B.

## REVIEW OF CONDITIONS.

I am well aware that many objections will be raised to the truth herein set forth. Let us then briefly review the foregoing in order to receive a clear idea of the theory and to better understand the explanation that may be given to the objections raised.

By such laws as were necessary to the accomplishment of God's purposes he set the passive matter in the ethereal world moving and gathering for the formation of this earth. Much, if not all of this matter, consisted of fragments of other planets which had been broken up. These fragments began to unite and when finally the earth had assumed its form it appeared in the shape of

three spheres, the central one being the largest and the one on which we live; the other two being smaller and connected by a narrow neck of land at the points of this central sphere which we are pleased to designate as the north and south poles. At the creation of the earth, or, rather, shortly after its formation, the waters were withdrawn to the northern sphere leaving the earth (sphere A) in its progressive growth filled with the beauties of animal and vegetable life, a paradise, a garden of Eden as vast as the entire sphere A. The waters having been withdrawn, the Lord God caused a mist to spring up from the earth that watered the Garden of Eden, or the entire sphere A, by which rains descended, small lakes and pools and springs were formed and a most delightful place prepared for the habitation of man. Through the fall the land underwent certain physical changes by which the earth would no longer produce of its strength making cultivation necessary, and also producing apparently useless and noxious weeds, thereby wasting its strength. When after the lapse of some sixteen hundred years the corrupt condition of the inhabitants of the earth made the flood necessary in the wisdom of the Creator, the waters came down from the northern sphere, *covered the earth,* destroyed all life, except as *already noted,* and, having accomplished its ob

ject, again receded. During the days of Peleg a portion of these waters returned because of the mighty upheavals and disturbances that occurred in the division of the land into the continents as we now have them, and filled up the mighty valleys thus created and which now form our oceans. The mists which had heretofore watered the earth by a continual current from the north, where the waters were held, ceased, and the evaporations of the waters from our oceans, their congealing in the cooler, upper atmospheres, and their downpour in the shape of rain and snow, taking the place of these mists. The glacial period beginning at the flood has erected barriers of ice that are impenetrable by man, though at some time in the earth's history an opening must have been made, or found, by the lost tribes in their search for a home in the north countries, which opening afterwards closed upon them.

## WHERE IS THE NORTH POLE?

These being the conditions, it may readily be seen that the North Pole can never be reached. The axis of the earth passes through the center of sphere A, through the necks of land at the north and south poles of A, and through the spheres B and C. The north and south poles of A are therefore buried in the center of the two necks of land connecting the northern and southern spheres with A, and as these necks of land are entirely surrounded by water, one may readily see that the poles will have to be sought, first, at the bottom of the sea, and then down through the neck of land to its center

It is said that the North Pole has been approached to within 200 miles from either side of the globe, leaving unexplored a country about 400 miles across. This may be true, but it is also possible that the explorers, before reaching *the furthest possible* point, had already reached *and traversed a* portion of the curvature of the

neck of land, and, sailing some distance on its waters, or traveling some distance on its frozen ice lands, were really traveling away from the pole, and every mile thus traveled they have counted as a mile nearer, thereby reducing the unexplored distance to 400 miles, when in reality it is 1500 miles through. Were there no barriers to prevent, but an entirely open sea, I hold it possible, unless there were laws other than those with which we are acquainted put into operation to prevent it, to sail over the waters of this neck of land until the south pole of sphere B was reached, and then follow its oceans to any part of our earth, without having noticed the curvature of the neck of land any more than one notices the curvature of the earth when sailing eastward or westward along the equator, or northward or southward over the Atlantic and Pacific oceans. It is therefore useless to spend time and means to locate the North Pole until God's own purposes have been served, for the north and south poles are really to be found at the north and south of the two spheres adjoining this planet, or, rather, the central portion of this planet.

Not until the time of the Lord shall arrive when He, by putting into operation the same laws that formerly withdrew and re-sent the waters to and *from the northern* sphere, shall break down the *ice barriers and the* rocks and make a highway

in the sea such as was made at the time the Children of Israel were brought out of the bondage of Egypt, need we look for communication between us and the residents of the northern countries, or learn anything by scientific research of the North Pole, or the truth of the theory here presented.

## SPHERE CANNOT BE SEEN.

It may be asked, why is it not possible to see this other globe if the explorers have approached within 200 miles of the spot where the North Pole should be, or have sailed or traveled some distance along the neck of land, gradually approaching its narrowest limits?

The reason for this is that beyond these ice barriers there is, for miles and miles, at the narrowest part of the neck of land, an open sea surrounding the entire neck, in fact, the land forming the neck which connects the spheres A and B, being entirely covered with water, is really at this point the sea bottom. From this open sea, owing to the latent heat of the earth, arise mists of the greatest magnitude which effectually hide *from view the land* for any great distance ahead; *otherwise it might* be possible to note the gradu

rise of the waters in the same way that on the ocean, when the weather is clear, we may watch a ship in the distance gradually disappear as if beneath the waves, the surface in this case being concave instead of convex. The northern lights, or *aurora borealis*, is caused by these continual mists. All these things work upon natural laws, and are at the same time made to contribute to God's purposes so that everything shall be done in the season thereof, that His will and His plan may be carried out for the salvation of His children and for the establishment of an eternal abode for them.

## EARTH SHADOW IN ECLIPSES.

The shadow of the earth with its three spheres cannot be seen during an eclipse as might be suggested, because the earth is always in the same position at angle of 22½ degrees, and the two outer spheres are therefore outside the horizon, or outside the line of light which produces the shadow; therefore, only the shadow of the central sphere may be seen.

## RESTORATION OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN.

When the waters are finally driven back at the command of God so that the waters which have formed our oceans since the days of Peleg, shall again be witherawn, there will be inaugarated the same system of currents from the North which existed until that time, carrying with them the mists and moisture necessary to water the earth. Springs of water will come forth from the earth because of this moisture; the small undulations and depressions of the earth's surface will be filled with fresh water for the delight of the inhabitants; everything will be beautiful as was the Garden of Eden before the Fall; the land will yield of its strength and without toil, and our labors will be turned into other channels, eternal advancement and growth—in fact the earth will become one magnificent and complete Garden of Eden, the eternal abode of the children of men who have served the Lord. There will be no need of steamships then, but complete communication may be had with all parts of the earth by means of the railroads, and, perhaps, by even more rapid means of locomotion the nature and secrets of which have as yet been hidden from the searching eye of scientific man.

## THE OTHER TWO SPHERES.

As to the purpose of the other two spheres, whenever this happy time shall come, we must leave with the Lord. They may be fused with the earth at the time of His coming thereby going to the greater increase of this planet; they may even be needed in their present positions; or they may be utilized in the formation of other earths, all of which is hidden in the secrets and and wisdom of the Lord's workshop.

Nevertheless there are those who, because these things are not made plain, do not feel that they can accept truth when it is advanced. I am often surprised at the views of some of our literary and scientific men when I hear them raise their objections, as I was one day when showing a noted scientific man this diagram of a triple sphere. He said, "I cannot reason from the standpoint of a *triple sphere* because I have always considered *that the earth* was and is a sphere." This was

a surprise to me for as a scientific man he should know that the earth is not a sphere, it being held by scientists that the earth is flat at the poles although no nation or people has ever circumnavigated the earth from north to south. His philosophy therefore is in vain and without foundation in fact as is the case with many of our literary men. Note for instance the mistake made by some of them as to Cain going into the land of Nod, which they hold was for the purpose of taking a wife, and consequently there must have been a people, therefore, older than Cain, and Adam could not have been the first man. They, however, do not read with understanding. The language does not imply that Cain went into the land of Nod to take a wife, but it distinctly declares that he went and dwelt in the land of Nod and that he knew his wife and she bore unto him a son. His wife he took with him when he went into the land of Nod, and the record simply gives an account of his posterity after he had settled there and built a city which he called Enoch, after his son. This is but an illustration of the objection raised. So also as to the objection as to the three triple spheres. They say: Why is it that other orbs which we see in the heavens do not appear to be triple spheres, similar to the one we *reside on* if the theory be true? I will *say this: This* earth was made up out of other

earths which were broken up for some wise purpose of the Lord, and, when formed, was made into three spheres, A, B and C. When the time arrives when the end shall come and when the heaven and the earth shall be consumed and pass away and there shall be a new heaven and a new earth these two spheres, which are now attached to the earth proper to answer the ends and the purposes of an All-wise Creator, may be severved and used elsewhere, or may be absorbed by the planet A, increasing its size, as has already been suggested in the first paragraph of this chapter. This may be foreshadowed by the prophecies that all things old shall pass away and all things shall become new, even the heavens and the earth, yea, and the fullness thereof, both men and beasts, the fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea.

It may not he out of place here to call attention to a portion of one of our hymns, written by an inspired woman, and found in our present hymn book, page 386, verse 5:

And when the Lord saw fit
The ten lost tribes to hide away,
Thou, Earth, was severed to provide
The orb on which they stay.

While on this subject I may as well call attention to one little item relating to double stars which is found in the Webster's Unabridged Dictionary. I find this item:

Double Star—Two stars so near together as to be seen separated only by means of a telescope. Such stars may be only optically near to each other, *or may be physically connected* so that they revolve around their common center of gravity and in the latter case are called binary stars."

Now if it is possible to see binary stars, or double stars, why should it be held to be such a phenomena to see a triple sphere. It may be held that if triple spheres were at all common such would have been noticed in the heavens during our astronomical explorations. But who shall say that the stars which are visible to us have not far surpassed this earth in their progress and advancement, and who shall say that if such be the case the other two spheres are necessary in their case. These stars give light of themselves, and, therefore, may suggest a higher development or advancement than that of this planet, by which the other two spheres are not necessary. Again, I do not hold that in the progress and advancement of every planet it must go through the same routine as this earth. We find Saturn with her rings, certainly something that

is inexplicable to us, yet if inhabitants of that planet were to say that there could be no rings around Saturn because in their search in the heavens they had not found any other planet or star showing such a condition, they would be in the same position as the inhabitants here saying that this earth could not be composed of triple spheres because they have been unable to see any other planet in that condition. However, if there can be double stars, there can as well be triple stars. Because this earth has but one moon is no reason why other planets should not have more moons than one; yet that would be an argument as valid as that against the triple sphere had not astronomers discovered that there are planets which have more than one moon. Therefore, I hold that the fact that no other triple sphere has been located in this limited area of the heavens which has been reduced to man's acquaintance is no argument whatever against the plausibility of the theory. If we can see but one planet, or star, with rings around it, why not but one planet or star with three spheres. Conditions on Saturn may demand such an appearance to us and the conditions here demand that there should be at least two spheres, and the theory here advanced calls for three. Scientists may scout the idea at present, but so they have scouted other ideas that later they have

been compelled to accept and to which they now hang as tenaciously as formerly they opposed them.

## LOCAL EFFECTS OF THE FLOOD,

Before leaving this part of our work let us note some of the effects of the great flood in the time of Noah. Let me call your attention to our great Salt Lake basin which was filled with water at the time of the great flood. The water marks of that flood may be seen to this very day around the great mountains which now line the shores of the lake. As the great ocean waters were in the Northern sphere B at the time of the flood, and as the fountains of the great deep were broken up the flood waters started on their mission of destruction. Of necessity it took some time for the waters to travel over three thousand miles from the North Pole to reach the line of the northern part of Utah in the 40th degree of north latitude. On reaching this point it poured its mighty flood over the rim of the Utah basin, completely filling up this basin, overflowing it and then gradually rising until the mountain

peaks were reached and then submerged. While the flood waters from the great fountains of the deep were traveling southward towards this basin it must be remembered that the rains were descending heavily for the windows of heaven had been opened, indicating that it was no ordinary rain that fell. These rains, descending in torrents for forty days and forty nights, perhaps with a force similar to that which we see in cloudbursts, naturally had the effect of wearing down the mountain sides as it were, carrying with them the soil, the sands, the gravel, rocks and boulders, the trees and other debris, and depositing them in the valleys below to a considerable depth. The floods from the north on their arrival completed the work and, later, as the waters were being withdrawn, deposited the sediment with which these waters had been charged in its onward progress southward. One may see such a deposit in our great sand ridge in the northern part of Davis county in this State, reaching west to the shores of the Salt Lake. The same results may be seen in all of Utah's fair land, in fact they may be seen in all countries north of the equator, on the sphere A.

The waters receeded northward until the rim of the basin again showed itself and further they *could not go.* They then formed an inland lake, *the shores of* which may still be seen on the

mountain sides in what we generally term the "water marks."

In many places in Utah it has been discovered in the sinking of wells for water, gas and oil, that the formation found during the downward progress of the wells has given proof of this theory. At a depth of eighty feet at one point in Box Elder county, after going through all kinds of such formation as one might expect from the deposits of the mountain floods and the sedimentary deposits of the northern flood waters, a rich alluvial soil was encountered. This has been the case in many other instances that could be named.

It must be remembered that when the flood was at its height it covered the earth at a height of at least 15,000 feet above sea level; when they returned and left this inland lake because of the rim of the basin preventing its entire return, the lake must have been 1,000 feet deep as may be judged by the height of the water marks which point out the former shores of this lake. We find this great basin covered with washed soil and sands and gravel, large rocks, boulders and cobbles, and in many places timbers in the shape of logs and brush covered and buried deep in the earth. Thus the soil of this basin and Bear river valley, and the places where

Brigham City, Willard, Ogden and all other towns are located, is the result of these washings down from the mountains, the canyons and gulches during the time the flood waters were approaching from the north. The lighter soils, of course, floated farther down into the basin in the shape of muddy water and deposited the finer soils filling up the basin to a great depth as seen in many places during the recent construction of the railroad across the lake, the east side of the lake being deeper than the west because less of the sediment from the mountains had been carried that far.

When we can thus note the local effects of the flood we may gather some idea of what it means to incur the displeasure of our Great Teacher through disobedience to His laws. When I think of the wickedness which made it necessary for God to send this destruction by which everything was destroyed save the family that had gone into the ark and had taken with them specimens of all the animals in order to restock a deserted and ruined world, my heart goes out in sorrow. When I contemplate the awful and terrible effects, the destruction and suffering that must have occurred when our brethren thus suffered, for brethren they are, God having made of one flesh all nations to dwell on the face of the earth, I weep over our fallen kindred.

## THE SNAKE RIVER VALLEY.

While traveling over the lovely land in the Snake River valley one may see similar effects of the flood as those noted in the Salt Lake basin. Here, however, as may be seen in the distance, there are many mountains of volcanic origin, in fact volcanoes at one time active but now extinct. Many years before the flood these mountains were casting up their floods of molten lava running down the mountain sides and spreading out over nearly the entire surface of this valley. These molten streams have formed into large basins. When the flood waters from the north and the rains from the mountain sides arrived they began the same work that occurred in the Salt Lake basin, and began filling up these basins with the gravel, sand, soil and other deposits, and, of course the waters rose to the same height as in other parts of the earth.

have placed that at least 15,000 feet above sea level, for Mount Aararat on which the ark stopped, is 14,320 feet high, and the waters rose 15 cubits upwards, so it must have been at least 15,000 feet high, especially as we have reason to believe that there were other mountains still higher. We find here as elsewhere the deposits to be of the depth of something like 80 feet as has been found in digging wells. The lava and other deposits are in layers like shingles. If you plow eastward in this valley towards the mountains your plow will catch under these respective layers mixed with gravel and the mountain soils, and back from the main course of the mountain floods is found most excellent soil and very productive.

## OLD GEOLOGICAL FORMATIONS.

Many people are at a loss to understand whether the present rugged and scarred surface of the earth, with its many furrows in the shape of lowly valleys and its high mountain chains and ridges as now seen, is as when cast up in the days of the creation when this earth was formed of other planets which had been broken up, or whether it is due to disturbances of a more modern date. I do not hesitate to say that many of those high mountains upon whose tops are found foosil remains of fishes and other animals, are original fragments of those other planets which were broken up and used in the formation of this earth and its three spheres.

## CAUSE OF VOLCANOES AND EARTHQUAKES.

There is also a great variety of beliefs as to the causes of volcanoes and earthquakes. I will give you my views of those fearful destroyers. I call your attention to the bog gases of the lands in Utah, where the conditions are just such as are seen in all low and boggy lands not only of Utah but of all countries on the sphere A. When one looks into soda water springs and ponds, one may see down deep into the waters small bubbles gradually approaching the surface. They are greatly compressed by the density of the water, but as they ascend the pressure is lessened and the bubbles grow larger. As they rise nearer the surface you notice a small or large explosion according to the size of the bubbles. These small bubbles contain gas which were compressed in the bog lands during the flood and which are grad-

ually escaping, and therefore represent in miniature the causes of volcanoes and earthquakes, for deeper down into the earth's crust, below the deposits of the great flood, the gases have been gathering and growing in volume for ages through natural chemical processes until the pressure grows so great that these gases seek a vent at the point of least pressure or resistance. An explosion is the result, which may take the form of a volcano vomiting lava, rocks and ashes, or of an earthquake, seaming and scarring the surface of the earth, creating great clefts, destroying cities and communities and causing tidal waves no less destructive.

## GOD'S HIGH SCHOOL.

In speaking of the High School of God, our Heavenly Father, I will say that God is the head and principal teacher, assisted by His beloved Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Ghost. God has also called to His aid many great and noble prophets who have already written some 85 glorious school books, containing the secrets of God as revealed to them by Jesus Christ through the Holy Ghost. These books are double histories. They speak of the past, the present, and the things to come. At present there are 85 of these books. There are in the Bible 66 books; in the Pearl of Great Price 2 books, Moses and Abraham; in the book of Mormon 16 books, and the Doctrine and Covenants, one, thus making a total of 85 books. This last named book as written by the last mighty prophet, Joseph Smith, has 136 sections or revelations. These 85 books contain no doubt thousands of revelations, revealing the past, the present and the things to *come.* We know what a pleasure it is to be-

come acquainted with the history of the past. Surely it is more so to learn the history of the things to come. These God has revealed for our benefit for the greatest work of God is to bring to pass the immortality and eternal life of man. It is a glorious thing therefore to be a student in the High School of God and there become acquainted with those things which the self sufficient have never dreamed of.

## THE DAYS OF CREATION.

In the first chapter of Genesis we learn that six days were occupied by God in the creation of the earth. This means six periods, each of the duration of 1000 years, or a total of 6000 years, because we are informed that one day on the planet where God resides is equal to 1000 years on this earth. I refer you to the Book of Abraham, 3:4, which confirms this statement. Scientists declare that it has taken millions of years to form the earth as it now stands, or as it stood at the time Adam came upon the earth. But they are evidently not acquainted with the

great truth presented by Joseph Smith that the earth was formed out of the fragments of other earths which, for some purpose, had been broken up. Who shall say that 6000 years were not sufficient to bring these broken parts together, cement them and form the earth and make it habitable for man? The formations of the earth as studied by geologists would be no true criterion from which to determine its age. These formations may have occupied millions of years in the planets of which they once formed a part and thus far the geologist be right and yet not be out of harmony with the belief that in 6000 years the materials for this earth were brought together and organized, or created, as the English translation of Genesis has it.

## THE PROPHETS OF THE HOLY BIBLE. THE GREAT THINGS THAT THE HOLY PROPHETS HAVE SPOKEN AND THE EFFECTS THEREBY PRODUCED.

Moses, the son of Amram and Jochebed, of the tribe of Levi, was born in Egypt A. M. 2433. In consequence of the decree of Pharaoh to put the male children ot the Hebrews to death, he was placed by his mother in an ark of bulrushes and laid on the banks of the Nile. Here he was found by the daughter of Pharaoh and placed unknowingly with his mother to be nursed. Exodus 2:1-9. The princess named the infant Moses (saved out of the water), and adopted him as her son. Acts 7:21. His own parents, however, who brought him up, instructed him in the religion and expectations of his forefathers so that when grown up he preferred rather to partake with his people of their afflictions than to share in the pleasures of the court. Hebrews 11: 24-26,

Now, what keys did our Heavenly Father give to Moses, and what was the great work required of him? It was to gather the children of Israel together and wrest them from the hand of the tyrant Pharaoh, King of Egypt, then lead them to the land of Caanan and there establish them in their rightful inheritance. Genesis 12: 7. The great work of Moses was ended when, after forty years of toil in leading and educating a people who had been in bondage to an idolatrous nation for many years, he finally guided them to the promised land. So great was his work and so firmly was the law which he gave them impressed upon them that all the oppressions of generations that followed failed to change them. Moses also wrote five of the books of the Bible and, many suppose, the Book of Job. The stories he told in his writings are very instructive and interesting. He tells of our Father Adam and of the creation and introduces us to some of the grandest problems of life and also to some of the noblest characters that have graced this beautiful earth. We will look at some of those men whom he has brought before us.

## ADAM.

Let us look at Father Adam and see if we can not discover something beautiful in his life that must forever bear witness to his mission on earth.

Adam was the first of the high school teachers called of God to open the great university of Idumea and to begin the work of giving mortal tabernacles to its pupils, and by revelation and command he became a preacher of righteousness and a prophet. Doc. and Cov. 107:53-56; also, Pearl of Great Price, Book of Moses, Page 13; also, Daniel 12:1.

## SETH.

Seth, the son of Adam, was a high priest and a teacher in this great school. He was a perfect man and was the express image of his father Adam. He was blessed of the Lord and was told *that his seed* should be that of the chosen seed *of the Lord.*

## ENOCH.

Enoch was one of those wonderful teachers who walked with God and talked with Him and who through revelation and commandment perfected a people, built a great city, and he and his people, together with their land and all things that belonged to the city, were translated and moved into space above the rest of the earth and became a home for the righteous, the abode or dwelling place of God and of all translated beings. Pearl of Great Price, Page 22; Epistle of Jude, verse 14. That Enoch was a great prophet there can be no doubt for our Heavenly Father seldom visits a person unless it is to accomplish or prepare that person to save many souls besides his own.

## METHUSELAH.

Methuselah, being the son of Enoch, remained on the earth to continue the instruction in the great high school.

## LAMECH.

*His son Lamech* became the father of Noah

and prophesied of him. This son, he said, shall comfort us because of our work and the toil of our hands, etc. Pearl of Great Price, page 22.

## NOAH.

Noah was a prophet and preacher and prophesied unto all the people and warned all the people in order that they might escape, but they repented not. God walked with Noah and talked with him and taught him how to construct the ark which, it is generally conceded, was about 525 feet in length, 87 feet wide, and 52 feet in height, and, with its wonderful cargo, withstood the terrible tempest when the windows of heaven were opened and the fountains of the great deep were broken up.

## SHEM.

Noah's three sons were teachers in the great school, both before and after the flood. Shem became the father of the chosen seed, a high *school teacher* and, no doubt, blessed Father *Abraham.*

## ABRAHAM.

Abraham traveled in Egypt and taught astronomy and mathematics, and established schools, and caused the Egyptians to become learned in the arts and sciences by which they became the most highly civilized of all the nations of the earth.

## ISAAC.

Isaac was one of the teachers of this high school and Jacob, his son, walked with God and talked with Him, and his sons became men of renown.

## JOSEPH.

Joseph, who was sold into Egypt by the conspiracy of his brethren, was also one of those remarkable high school teachers, and one who became a savior to his father's house. *Through this* great salvation a way of escape *was made for* the Children of Israel from the

perils of famine, they being preserved as a peculiar people unto the Lord and thus becoming the great law-giving nation to all other nations. Now, we will endeavor to bring forth the great works of these teachers in this great university of our Heavenly Father. Joseph stood as a prophet to his brethren and plainly told them that the Lord would raise up a Moses in their midst who should have power in a rod and who should have a spokesman and who should deliver Israel. Because of this prophesy being recorded and the time arriving for its fulfillment the astrologers informed Pharaoh, the king, hence his edict looking to the destruction of the male children of the Hebrews.

## MOSES.

The next prophet thus brought before us from the sacred annals is Moses, one of the noblest of the great high school teachers whose countenance shone with the glory of God, the Father of this eternal university. It shows that he had become pure before the great master and had *graduated with* the highest honors. Number *12: 3-8.*

## JOSHUA.

Now we will bring one of the pupils of the great law-giver, Moses, before you, even Joshua, the son of Nun. This man had been one of the living witnesses of the existence of the God of Israel and had been very zealous for the honor of his people and their prophet Moses. When Joshua came to the river Jordan, at his command the waters of the great river parted and he and his great army passed over dryshod. Joshua 3:16. A monument of twelve stones was raised that their children might know what their Heavenly Father had done for them. At one time, Joshua, when he encountered a host of the enemies of his people and saw that the day was too short to complete the work and assure them of victory, said: "Sun stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon." Joshua 10:12. He also divided the land by lot to the tribes of Israel with the exception of that which Moses had given to two and a half tribes on the east side of the Jordan. So Joshua ended his rule of righteousness and died when 110 years of age. Joshua 24:29.

## THE JUDGES.

*Israel was* thereafter ruled by judges, some of

whom did evil and the Children of Israel in consequence suffered imprisonment and exile. They either suffered distress or received blessings and had peace according to the way in which they received the teachers of the great school. If their teacher was a man of great faith and good works then they were prospered if they followed their leader; if he was wicked then they fell into great peril.

## SAUL, THE FIRST KING.

We have now passed down to 1171 B. C. and we come to the days of that noble teacher and lovable prophet, Samuel. I Samuel 2:6–9, 26. This great high school teacher stood between the people and their Heavenly Father when they plead for a king as had other nations, and he told them the consequences, namely, that when they had a righteous king they would be happy, and when a wicked king ruled they would be distressed; but the people continued to plead and the great teacher suffered them to have a king and Saul, the son of Kish, was given them. For awhile all went well and the prophet Samuel communed with the head teacher and as long as Saul was obedient he prospered, but when he *was led by false* teachers then distress came to *him.*

## DAVID.

Following him came that wonderful warrior whose valor for the Lord of Hosts has gone ringing down the history of all generations after his time. Our Great Redeemer was proud of his great progenitor David, the sweet singer of Israel. David was a good king. The Lord loved that teacher for his generosity, for his integrity, for his zeal, for his sweet boyhood and for his many noble deeds. He was one of the greatest composers of music and poetry, an expert with the harp. His scholastic achievements in the field of literature and composition few have equaled. Samuel, the prophet, closed his career during David's reign.

## SOLOMON.

Now, dear reader, we will speak of Solomon, the third king of Israel whose wisdom is recognized by all lovers of the high school books in *the building of* a glorious temple which for mag*nificence and* beauty has never even been ap*proached by* any other king or ruler. But we

may see a beauty and perfect arrangement in the great high school. Our Heavenly Father allowed no earthly king, however great or wise, to ignore his prophets or the principles of His great school, nor to take any important steps without consulting them, whether on matters religious or political, nor must those kings meddle with the sacred things placed in the care of the priests. Mark how careful and jealous the Lord has been in regard to those things. As an instance see the record of Uzzah who reached forth his hand to steady the ark. II Samuel 6:7. Those kings were instructed by these teachers in the school of the prophets, all of them who were diligent and pure in heart. They told these kings when to go to war and when not to go; where to prepare an ambush; when famine was coming, and when they had broken the laws of the great high school. You can therefore see the necessity of having a prophet in every kingdom that the subjects may be prepared to meet every emergency. How beautiful it would be if bank presidents, railroad and steamship magnates and companies, and all governments, could have these wonderful teachers to warn them of all disasters either by sea or by land, if they would listen and obey. When the kings were righteous, why look how *their people* flourished and spread abroad, and *their lands* were made fruitful, but when th

turned to idolatry then the kings could not bear the rebuke of the high school teachers but persecuted them, heaped indignities upon them, and after slew those who were their only true friends, as many in our day have done. When these great teachers are chosen by the superintendent and promoted to such an exalted position that they can act in the name of the Lord and say unto the rest of the students, "thus saith the Lord," then their word becomes the law of the Lord to whatever kingdom the Lord sends them, and any violation of that word, law or command is visited with severe punishment unless repentance follows and restitution is made. Note the call of Samuel the prophet, I Samuel 3:11, 19; note Saul's disobedience, I Samuel 15:23; 18:18; note how honorable this great teacher was and how just in all things, I Samuel 12: 1, 8.

## NATHAN.

Now, the next one we will introduce is Nathan, the prophet who wrote a book, now lost, for we have no copy of it. Nathan chastised David, the great king for the mistakes he made, though the head teacher did not entirely throw him away *because of* these mistakes, for our Heavenly

Father is more merciful than man and gave David many years of life. He knew that he was a great warrior, that he had seen much carnage during his reign, and that therefore that he was not so careful of human life as he should be. We find Gad, David's seer, instructing him. II Samuel 24:11. Now, to show you how dangerous it is to rebel against authority, look into the life of Rehoboam, the king who ordained priests contrary to the law of the Lord. These gave a false education to the people as unauthorized teachers have done in all ages of the great University of Idumea, or this beautiful earth. I Kings 13:33.

## ABIJAH.

We now bring forward Abijah, a school teacher who had the word of the Great Teacher. I Kings 14:5. We note here that many of the Kings of Israel did evil before the great teachers who were sent from time to time to rebuke them and give them the rules of true education. Note what the Great Teacher said in regard to David: "Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah, the Hittite." I Kings 15:5. These things show how men fall by disobedience.

## ELIJAH.

Now, my dear reader, we will introduce a very remarkable high school teacher, viz: Elijah, the Tishbite, who, by his faith, sealed up the heavens that it rained not for three years and who prayed for it and again the rain came, who warned kings, blessed the people and called fire down from heaven because he was obedient in all things and had been called by proper authority. I Kings 17: He raised the dead and finally ascended into heaven without seeing death. II Kings 2:11.

## ELISHA.

Then we have Elisha who was taught by Elijah. His mighty works as a teacher are before the people. Besides the science which these prophets learned in the school of the prophets, they also learned many special laws by which the lower law, or the law which mortals call natural law, was set aside or became inoperative, and the special or higher law operated and things *were done* which man in his finite wisdom has

called miracles. Under this head, my dear reader, we will place a few of the works of the great teachers of this scientific school, for man's point of view is finite or limited, while God's point of view is infinite or unlimited. And Elijah and Elisha stood by the river Jordan, "And Elijah took his mantle and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither so that the two went over on dry ground." II Kings 2:8, and the 11th verse, "And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven." Elisha was blessed with the same power as his great teacher. See verses 14 and 21; also, 3:17; 4:5, 16, 37. He healed a child that had died and told the mother to take up her son. "Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out." Mark the healing of the poison pottage, verse 41; the feeding of a hundred men with twenty loaves of barley, verse 44; the healing of the king's servant, Naaman, 5:14; and in the 6th chapter the recovery of an ax. Near the Jordan some men were felling wood; "but as one was felling a beam the ax head fell into the water, *and he cried* and said: Alas, master, for it was

borrowed. And the man of God said, where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick and cast it in thither; and the iron did swim." Note also the 15th verse and 17th.

## HULDAH.

In II Kings, chapter 22, we have a departure from the usual line of High school teachers. We have here introduced a woman. She dwelt in Jerusalem. She had the right to say: "Thus saith the Lord, God, of Israel." Her name was Huldah. This woman had the word of the Lord for all Israel for twenty years.

## URIM AND THUMMIM.

Now we will speak of a curious instrument that the ancient seers had, called Urim and Thummim. Now, aforetime, those who used these instruments were called seers. Exodus 28:30; Leviticus, 8:8; Nehemiah, 7:65. There will be a more full description in this work in another part. Pearl of Great Price, page 30, "And I, Abraham, had the Urim and Thummim, *which the Lord* my God had given unto me, in Ur of

the Chaldees; and I saw the stars that they were very great, and that one of them was nearest to the throne of God." Book of Abraham, 3:1, 2. Josephus says, in Book I, Chapter 7, that Abraham was learned in the science of the heavenly bodies. Astronomy has always been held up as the leading science, and if by that holy instrument King David knew when to go to battle, why should not Abraham, who possessed the same sacred instruments, learn regarding the motions of the stars, when the heavenly teacher is glad to have all His children come to Him for wisdom. James, 1:5. Then astronomers in all ages must have been greatly favored of Him, and must have learned many beautiful truths, some of which I have shown in my diagrams and quotations and instructions in this book.

## NATURAL AND SPECIAL LAWS.

We will now continue our dissertations on the works of our Heavenly Teacher as made known unto man through the medium of prophets, seers and revelators, and we shall be free to inform our very kind readers that we are not compelling any one to accept these truths, but one thing we will say, these things shall not go beyond the

line of probability although we will bring forth many wonderful things and describe the works wherein common or natural law has been set aside that special law might become operative. We will make a few references to the holy prophets to prepare the minds of our readers for the curious things that will be made plain in this book. We will explain that through these high school teachers, who wrote for the benefit of all mankind, the Children of Israel were once all together in Palestine. Their prophets wrote a double history, writing what was taking place at the time they were living and also of the future. They wrote and spoke as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, II Peter 1:21. We do not need to quote very much,to show that Israel sinned against the God of Abraham and that because of this they were taken captive by other nations and to this day their cities are desolate. Leviticus, 26; I Kings, 14:15. This prophecy was fulfilled when the Ten Tribes were carried captive into Assyria, 721 B. C. In the Apocrypha the prophet Esdras states that the Ten Tribes went a year and a half on a journey into the north country. II Esdras, 13: 39-45. That many remained in Assyria is evident from verses 48 and 49 of the same chapter. The great historian of Israel, Josephus, who wrote nearly 800 years after the captivity of the Ten Tribes, corroborates

this view of the subject. In the Babylonish captivity the other tribes remained away from Jerusalem 70 years, and, when, 70 years after Christ, the kingdom of Judah was destroyed, these High school teachers have foretold the gathering again of Israel and how it is to be accomplished. Isaiah prophesied that a book was to come forth by the hands of an unlearned man. Isaiah, 24, and also 45; that Israel is to be gathered by messengers, 18:2; and, lest we lose sight of the gathering by means of a book and messengers, we refer you to Ezekiel, 37: 15-28. We learn from Isaiah that the man who was to come with a book should be an unlearned man, and a young man. This agrees with Isaiah 2nd, about gathering the people from out of all nations. Isaiah, 2:2; Micah, 4; Revelations, 4: 6-7, tells us that a messenger is to come with the Gospel, but before he comes all kindreds and tongues and nations were to be deceived. Revelation, 13. We must remember that the Revelator only treats of a time in the future, that is, future to John's time. Revelations, 1:1.

In order to show plainly that angels or ministering High school teachers are to come, we will refer to Malachi, 3rd and 4th chapters, and ask the reader to consult them. Elijah will not come to some person or people who do not believe in

the ministry of heavenly messengers, nor can the Lord come to His temple until by revelation He has shown some prophet or people how to build His temple. These truths are self-evident. People were anciently saved by the ministry of angels, and, generally, the angels came to some men and gave their names or told who sent them, and the prophet who had been thus visited told the people what power had called him and why he had come to them. Of course we have instances of prophets coming to the people and telling them the will of the Lord without revealing His name, but this seldom happens. In our day our Heavenly Father has been very particular in regard to the names of heavenly witnesses. These prophets, many of them, performed great miracles which caused the people to believe in their divine calling, and some have performed no miracles, such as Jonah and John the Baptist, and yet the people believed their message and were blessed therein. We will close our remarks on this point and dwell somewhat on miracles in the way of comparing natural with special law.

## MIRACLES.

A learned theologian said to the boy prophet of the nineteenth century when he was visiting, "Mr. Smith, what was the first miracle that Jesus performed?" Joseph gracefully folded his arms and leaned placidly back in his chair and waited for a minute as if he were weighing some important matter. The minister took this apparent hesitation as a sign of ignorance, so he thought he would enlighten the prophet. After he had indulged in a few remarks about the prophet's lack of knowledge, he said: "It was the turning of the water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee." "I believe you are mistaken," quietly remarked the young prophet; "was not the creation of this beautiful earth and the planets surrounding it the first miracle?" he asked. So we have the first day's work, not a day of 24 hours, but one of a thousand years. II Peter, 3:8; Psalms, 90-4. It must have taken some time to prepare all these wonderful things. After creating the earth then God creates the heavens. This was the second day or time and the heaven thus created divided

the waters. On the third day or time he gathered the waters together into one place on the sphere B. (See diagram). Then the dry land appeared and the earth began to bring forth the grass, not immediately, for that would have been contrary to the experience that afterwards came to the children of men and would have been contrary to science which is only classified common sense. Therefore Peter's declaration helps us out nicely. And the land brought forth herbs yielding seed and the fruit tree yielding fruit, not in a twenty-four hour day, but in one of Peter's days, because it takes more than twenty-four hours for a tree to bring forth fruit otherwise where would have been the justice of the Savior condemning the fig tree? He could have waited twenty-four hours for it to bear ripe fruit. Matthew 21:19. Now on the fourth day he placed the lights in the heavens, but the writer does not state that by this time God had given the earth its reckoning as we have it now and so we will still use one of Peter's days, and see if it will not agree better with his commands. Now, we have the sun and the moon and the fourth period; and God said, let the waters bring forth abundantly, and great whales and other living creatures were created and placed in the waters and commanded them to be fruitful and multiply. *All of them* were made just the same way, just

by multiplying. The fifth period is now ended and we will see what our Heavenly Teacher will give us as his sixth day's work. He created the beasts and cattle and creeping things and man and gave them his command. He also made a garden and placed man in it. We have now the miracle of the creation before us, and the waters gathered to one place and the rivers and the lakes formed. And, God, commanding Adam not to partake of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, said: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Adam lived 930 years; reason or classified common sense therefore agree with Peter.

The next great miracle was the ascent of Enoch into heaven, without seeing death. This was a case of natural law being set aside and special law becoming operative.

The preservation of Noah and his family and the beasts with them for so long a time during the flood, was another case of special law; but the greater one was the flood itself. The motion of the earth must have been accelerated to have drawn the waters over the earth from sphere B, (see diagram) to A, when the fountains of the great deep were broken up and all flesh that did not enter into the ark and in which was the breath of life perished.

We now draw attention to Genesis 19:11, where the people of Sodom were stricken with blindness; also the 54th verse where the Lord rained upon Sodom and Gomorrah fire and brimstone. By consulting Genesis 21st chapter we learn of the birth of Isaac and the wonderful promise made to Abraham about the unbounded increase of his children. Genesis 18:18. We note also the offering of Isaac by Abraham and the miraculous escape of the boy. Genesis 22: 9-13. We see also the securing of a wife, Rebeccah, for Isaac, and the blessing upon her, "Be thou the mother of thousands of millions," a most wonderful promise. Genesis 24:60. She became the grand mother of Joseph who was sold into Egypt.

Now there is another point that seems a miracle to all people and that is when this earth was wrapped in darkness. Genesis 1:3. How long had it been in that condition? This our Heavenly Father has failed to let us know and has left that for our study, but when he said "let there be light," then, according to sacred history, the earth evolved into a condition that made it fit for man's abode. Had we space, many beautiful conclusions could be drawn from those few words, which are written for our comfort and consolation.

*Note now this* fact that ever since the days of

Adam our God has been a God of miracles unto the righteous of his children and they have been blessed with many remarkable blessings such as dreams and visions, and the wise man Solomon left these remarkable words, "where there is no vision, the people perish." Proverbs 29:18. Job 33:14-30.

Now we will show how careful the Great Teacher has been to visit his people and to comfort them with these remarkable blessings. Isaac blesses his son Jacob. Genesis 28:3, 12-22. Also the miraculous increase of cattle, 31:8; 31:24. Mark Jacob's wonderful prayer, Genesis 32:9-13. and how he was prospered and blessed in that God visited him. Note how Joseph's brothers hated him. Here is a great lesson unto all people for when our Heavenly father loves any boy or man, or girl or woman, and manifests that love, then his own family or neighbors will be jealous and will seek to destroy that person. Genesis 35:11. Other people we find visited with dreams and Joseph interprets them. Genesis 40:5-8. And they said unto him, we have dreamed a dream and there is no interpretation of it. Joseph asked them, "do not interpretations belong to God? tell them I pray you." Pharaoh *also had* dreams but his wise men could *not interpret them.* Now, here is another great *lesson, that the* things of God are known only

the spirit of God, and as Joseph lived a pure life before God he had a right to his spirit through obedience. So when Joseph came before the king he interpreted his dream and then he was exalted. Here was another miracle in his behalf.

Note father Jacob's blessings upon his grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh. Genesis 48. Mind you, Jacob was nearly blind with age. He could not tell the elder son from the younger only by the spirit of God. Note the 16th verse: "The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."

Also note the 49th chapter, the blessings of Jacob upon his sons and particularly Joseph's blessing and that part of it in verse 26 where his blessing was extended to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills, that is, the farthest or most distant part of the earth, which would be, according to our present geography, North America. Now, this coupled with the blessings pronounced by Moses on the tribe of Joseph, is remarkable. Deut., 33:13, "Blessed of the Lord be his land for the precious things of heaven." (That must *be the gospel*, or, as other great teachers have *called it*, salvation). Note the 16th verse, for *the precious* things of the earth and the fullness

thereof. Could this be if the land did not have the torrid, temperate and frigid zones? Or, in another light, if the fullness of the Gospel did not come therefrom with the two orders of the priesthood? With all the gifts and blessings? With temples and tabernacles? And if Ephraim's multitudes of nations and Manasseh's thousands were not found there? Ephraim's multitudes of nations might be those North and South American Indians, for they are all apparently one people, yet many nations or tribes, distinct in language only. Their traditions point to one origin.

We may add here an instance to show the difference between general or natural law and special law. When Jesus was seen by 2,500 people of the Nephite Nation in the land of Bountiful, he caused all of this multitude to come and see and feel the marks of the wounds in his hands and feet and in his side. This they did, and this was natural law because they could perceive the wounds in a natural way. The same thing occurred in Jerusalem. He asked them there to come and feel for themselves to assure themselves that he was indeed resurrected, for, he said, a spirit hath not flesh and bones as ye see *me have.* This they did and they knew by nat*ural law.* Yet, by a special law of which th

knew nothing, he could make himself invisible to them. He would not strike them with blindness in a natural way so that they could perceive nothing, but by a special law of which we know nothing, he could make the natural law inoperative, so that while they retained their eyesight for everything else they could not see him though he stood in their midst. This is special law, and we should therefore not conclude that everything must be governed by the laws alone with which we are acquainted, for there may be higher laws of which we know nothing and that might produce results quicker and greater than any we could even imagine by the operation of the laws with which we have become acquainted. This is where science misses it, for they count everything as having been accomplished by the few laws which they have been able to discover in that portion of the universe with which they have formed a small acquaintanceship.

## APPENDIX

In further support of the finding of fossil remains in the north as carried there during the withdrawal of the flood waters, and as pointed out on page 16 of this work, I quote a part of the discoveries detailed in a work entitled, "Earth, Sea and Sky," by Henry Davenport Northrop, D.D. It will be noted from this article how vast are the deposits of fossil remains, all tending to support the theory advanced of the withdrawal of the waters at the time of Noah's flood to the Northern Sphere B. I quote from pages 46 to 49 of the work named above:

"Bones and tusks of elephants or mastodons occur throughout Russia, and more particularly in Eastern Siberia and the arctic marshes. The tusks are very numerous, and in so high a state of preservation that they form an article of commerce, and are employed in the same works as what may be termed the living ivory of Asia and Africa, though the fossil trunks fetch an inferior price. Siberian fossil ivory forms the principal material on which the Russian ivory-turner

works. *The tusks most abound on the shores of the Frozen Sea*, and the best are found in the countries near the arctic circle, and in the most eastern regions, where the sea in the very short summer is thawed only at the surface; in some years not at all.

"In 1799 a Tungusian named Schumachoff, who generally went to fish and hunt at the peninsula of Tamut after the fishing season of the Lena season was over, had constructed for his wife some cabins on the banks of Lake Oncoul, and had embarked to seek along the coast for tusks, called horns by the people of that region. One day he saw among the blocks of ice a shapeless mass, but did not then discover what it was. In 1800 he perceived that this object was more disengaged from the ice, and that it had two projecting parts, and towards the end of the summer of 1801 the entire side of the animal and one of his tusks was quite free from ice. The summer of 1802 was cold, but in 1803 part of the ice between the earth and the mammoth, for such was the object, having melted more rapidly than the rest, the plane of its support became inclined, and the enormous mass fell by its own weight on a bank of sand. In March, 1804, Schumachoff came to his mammoth, and having cut off the tusks, exchanged them with a *merchant* for goods of the value of forty dollars.

For some years the flesh of this animal was cut off for dog meat by the people around, and bears, wolves, gluttons, and foxes fed upon it till the skeleton was nearly cleared of its flesh. About three-fourths of the skin, which was of a reddish-gray color, and covered with reddish wool and black hairs about eight inches long, was saved, and such was its weight that it required ten men to remove it; the bones of the head, with the tusks, weighed four hundred and sixteen pounds. The skeleton was taken to St. Petersburg, where it may still be seen in the Museum of Natural History. This animal must have been twice the ordinary size of the existing elephant, and it must have weighed at least twenty thousand pounds.

"There is not in the whole of Asiatic Russia any brook or river, especially of those which flow in the plains, on the banks of which some bones of elephants and other animals foreign to the climate have not been found. But in the more elevated regions, they are wanting, as are the marine petrifactions. But in the lower slopes and in the great muddy and sandy plains, above all, in places which are swept by rivers, they are sure to be found, which proves that we should not the less find them throughout the whole extent of the country if we had the same means of searching for them. Every year in the

season of thawing, the vast rivers which descend to the Frozen Ocean in the north of Siberia sweep down with their waters numerous portions of the banks, and expose to view the bones buried in the soil and in the excavations left by the rushing waters. *It is curious that the more we advance towards the north of Russia the more numerous and extensive do the bone repositories become.* In spite of the undoubted testimony, often repeated, of numerous travelers, we can scarcely credit the statements made respecting some of the islands of the glacial sea near the poles, situated opposite the mouth of the Lena and of the Indigirska. All the islands nearest to the main land, which is about thirty-six leagues in length, except three or four small rocky mountains, are a mixture of sand and ice, so that when the thaw sets in and their banks begin to fall many mammoth bones are found. All the isle is formed of the bones of this extraordinary animal, of the horns and skulls of buffaloes, or of an animal which resembles them, and of some rhinoceros horns.

"New Siberia and the Isle of Lachon are for the most part only a mass of sand, of ice, and of elephants' teeth. At every tempest the sea casts ashore new quantities of mammoths' tusks, and the inhabitants of Siberia carry on a profitable commerce in this fossil ivory. Every year during the summer innumerable fishermen's barks

direct their course towards this isle of bones, and during winter immense caravans take the same route, all the convoys drawn by dogs, returning laden with the tusks of the mammoth, weighing each from 150 to 200 pounds. The fossil ivory, thus withdrawn from the frozen north is imported into China and Europe, where it is employed for the same purpose as ordinary ivory, which is furnished, as we know, by the elephant and hippopotamus of Africa and Asia. The isle of bones has served as a quarry of this valuable material for export to China for five hundred years, and it has been exported to Europe for upwards of a hundred. But the supply from these strange mines remains undiminished. What a number of accumulated generations of these bones and tusks does this profusion imply."

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SIDNEY DIBBLE.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, this, 30th day of January, A. D. 1906.

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This I solemnly swear.

M. W. DALTON.

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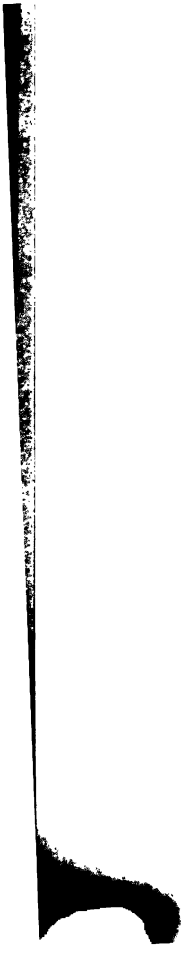

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